

Via e-mail from Boris (Bumy) Suster to Ralph Grunewald

December 26, 2009

Dear Ralph,

I received just yesterday an email from my good friend Anita List with the same contents you are forwarding now and for which I thank you very much.

It is, to say the least, a pleasant surprise to find out that somebody has taken the interest, care and love to pursue this project and I commend you for it. It is true that for all of us JOEs, our formative years in Ecuador were important and memorable and the true foundation of the persons we have become.

As I was looking at some of the photographs your site shows I could not help but let my mind run back to the years of Playas, with the donkeys carrying water to Pension Mayer so that in the evenings when we as kids returned from the beach all warmed up and exhausted the cold water falling on our bodies was a welcome balm to diminish the heat and the sunstroke most of us would get during the day. Years later we would trade in Pension Mayer for the Hotel Humboldt, but our dear Mr Mayer had already done his magic on us kids with his tales of his merchant marine life and letting us listen to the short wave radio news and music he had on his dining desk in the evenings.

So many memories, so many years ago!

I also have a few photographs of life in the Union Israelita de Guayaquil which I will gladly share with your site, but I believe that in order to provide you with a better method of delivery I would appreciate if you can give an address where I can send you a CD or DVD data disk with the photographs and you choose the ones you will consider using.

I do remember the Sifnagehls, Katya and Nico and their father. In my digital photographic library I hold quite a few photos of all of them from the parties and events which were held in Guayaquil in those years. Nico and my brother Saul, where of the same age and studied in the same class until Nico migrated from Ecuador. Peter Albers was also a good friend of theirs.

I can mention that we do have quite a few more names you can look into, and if I can get ahold of their emails I will gladly share them with you.

Meanwhile, and on the fly I can call back to memory some of the names which jump out to me at this very first moment:

Roberto Sadun and his wife Francia (Guayaquil)

Susy Albers (I forget right now her former husband's last name - passed away)

Michel Krumholz and Sonia (Guayaquil) I will relay your email to him

Abraham Suster and Margot (Now living in Lima Peru) I will relay your email to him.

Pepe Hassins (Now in Lima - Peru)

Saul Felman (Now in Lima - Peru)

Hannelore Schuler (somewhere in the USA)

Ruth Stern (Miami - Florida) I will relay your email to her

Katya Rosemberg (From Quito now in California) I will relay your email to her

Ika Rosemberg Berger (living in Quito)

Miriam Grunauer (lives in New Rochelle, NY)

I also do remember the names of the families you mention as related to you: the Gumpels, the Koppels, et al, but so many years have gone by that I cannot connect names and faces.

With the return CD with the photographs I will also send you a word.doc with some description of my life since I left Guayaquil Ecuador so many years ago, and what my family is doing at the present time.

Thank you once again for your kind interest and hoping to hear from you,

I remain,

Boris Suster

My nickname was Bumy

**E-mail from Boris (Bumy) Suster to Gabriel (Gaby) Alexander
December 27, 2009**

Dear Gaby,

It has been so many years since those days of Libreria Cientifica, a place which in my youth I would enter with wonder and utmost respect for a world of hidden jewels of knowledge laying therein. I do recall vaguely your parents when I was introduced to them by my mother. By the time I left Ecuador to study here in the States, my parents were living accross the street from your store. As a matter of fact I left for the US on August 4th, 1960 so not many days must have passed after you left.

Libreria Cientifica was THE book store in the Guayaquil of those years, probably one of the very few in the city, and to my knowledge the very best. I remember my father used to love to buy books there and kept them in mint condition for many years. It was the only place you could find anything about Israel. The name Bruno Moritz has a very loud recognition value in my mind and I am trying to remember if he was also a newspaperman or writer. Maybe you can help me with that.

Michael (Michell) Krumholz is one of my dearest friends of my youth and to this day, whom I met at the Union Israelita de Guayaquil when it was located in 9 de Octubre y Malecon Boulevard and to this day we still are friends. His father Leo Krumholz was in the maderas business from the early 40's competing with the Gorelick family and others. He married a nice lady named Sonia, but I doubt it could be the very same person you mentioned, since he met Sonia in Europe and she is originally from Brazil. He's got two daughters and a few grandsons. The name Nurit does not ring a bell to me.

I promised Ralph I would send him a CD or DVD with a set of photographs and a short bio of my whereabouts of myself and the ones that came to this world through me and my wife.

Hope that this nice project of Ralph takes off like a rocket and soon we will once again retake the thread of our lives which was lost so many and many years ago.

I am pretty sure that once we start looking at photographs we will be able to tie in the faces to the names, and then to the memories.

Thank you once again for writing,

Bumy

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